Firearms Rally, LPC Convention Highlight April

by David Aiken & Richard G. Combs

Spring is finally here, and, admit it, you've been practically hibernating (at least in terms of political activity) all winter. Now it's time to get out and do something!

Fortunately for you, April offers two great events to help you shake off the winter blues. With a little luck, the first will also give you a chance to bask in our warm spring sun while you listen to and cheer pro-freedom speakers, wave signs, browse literature tables, and converse with other activists for liberty.

On Sunday, April 21, the Liberty Alliance is holding its annual Right to Bear Arms Rally at the State Capitol in Denver from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The rally commemorates the April 19 anniversary of the battles of Concord and Lexington, when American patriots fought the British to prevent the seizure of their "state-of-the-art assault weapons."

KNUS-AM710 talk show host Marty Nalitz will MC, with Independence Institute's David Kopel, several state legislators, and candidates for the legislature and Congress (both Libertarians and those from some other party) expected to speak.

The Liberty Alliance is a coalition of freedom-oriented groups working together on common issues, especially gun owners' rights. Member organizations include the Libertarian Party, Firearms Coalition of Colorado, Riders for Justice, and TABOR Committee. Past rallies have attracted in the thousands.

Then, at the end of the month, it's convention time! The Libertarian Party of Colorado's annual state convention will be held April 26-28 at the Coach House Resort of Loveland (see page 5 for details).

Friday evening and Saturday will be devoted to an exceptional collection of speakers, including L. Neil Smith (science fiction writer and long-time libertarian), Rick Tompkins (presidential candidate), Jo Jorgensen (vice-presidential candidate), Michael Cloud (for Harry Browne, presidential candidate), Irwin Schiff (presidential candidate on video), and Matt Motchakavitz (motivational speaker).

On Sunday we get down to the business of running our party. Of major concern is the election of a new board of directors.

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To the Editor:

I share Roger Colucci's disappointment that presidential candidates Harry Browne and Irwin Schiff will be unable to attend our state convention. As a member of the Browne campaign team, I'd like nothing better than to have all three active candidates—Browne, Schiff, and Tompkins—appear together before every state LP convention in the nation.

Unfortunately, it simply isn't possible. Four other states—Alabama, New York, Ohio, and Washington—have conventions the same weekend as ours. Certainly, no one can be at all five. I'm not privy to the plans of Schiff and Tompkins. In fact, I don't even know the details of Harry Browne's schedule, but I believe he will be attending two state conventions that weekend and sending representatives to the other three.

I suspect our fortune in landing Rick Tompkins results from our nearness to his Arizona home base and the fact that he hasn't campaigned here before. Harry Browne has campaigned in Colorado three times in the past year: last year's state convention, an August trip to Aspen, and two days in Boulder prior to CityVote. He has already campaigned in Colorado more than any past Libertarian presidential candidate, and is scheduled to return here again in September.

In addition, Harry Browne's aggressive schedule of 3-4 daily radio and TV appearances is giving Coloradans repeated opportunities to hear his message: locally with KOA's Mike Rosen and Rick Barber, Marty Nalitz on KNUS (Denver), and Bob Moore on KKPC (Pueblo); a host of nationally syndicated shows, including Michael Reagan, Oliver North, Art Bell, and Ken Hamblin; and many TV appearances on CNBC, National Empowerment Television, CNN-FN, C-SPAN, etc. Keep watching and listening; after the primaries, the Harry Browne media campaign is going to shift into high gear!

As for Mr. Colucci's concern about financial motives: as a staunch capitalist, I wish it were possible to profit from running for President (without taking federal funds, like Lenora Fulani). The truth is that all our candidates are making great personal and financial sacrifices to work for the ideas in which they believe, and all deserve our respect, admiration, and gratitude.

I encourage Mr. Colucci (and anyone who shares his concerns) to speak with me about them at our state convention, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Doug Anderson
Denver

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If you live in the Durango/Four Corners area, call Bill Zimsky at 970-385-5107 or write to PO Box 3005, Durango, CO 81302. It’s time to get involved!

Southwestern Colorado

Californians for Term Limits are holding forums in the area. Call Bill Zimsky at 970-385-5107 or write to PO Box 3005, Durango, CO 81302.

Western Colorado

Brent Shroyer of Rangeley is going to get things moving again in the western and northwestern reaches of the state, after the departure from Colorado of both Dann Hayes and Dale Doelling, long-time Grand Junction activists. If you want to help, or just get together and talk with fellow Libertarians, call Brent at 970-675-2337 or write him at PO Box 292, Rangeley, CO 81648.

Calendar of Events

April

2 Fl. Collins 1st Tue. Breakfast Club, Tony’s, 224 South College, 7 a.m. Speaker. Pat Hartman, (970) 224-3116.
3 LPC Board of Directors meeting, LPC office, 720 E. 18th St. (at Clarkson), Denver, 6 p.m. Party members are welcome.
3 & 17 CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center, Bruce Lockhart, (970) 223-7504.
4 Jefferson County LP, Denny’s Restaurant, 565 Union Blvd., 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting. Clark Marley, (303) 420-8175.
8 & 22 Aurora LP, Shoney’s, 13700 E. Mississippi, 7 p.m. Doug Newman, (303) 363-4172.
9 Denver LP, Knights of Pythias Hall, 1127 S. Tejon, 7 p.m. Bert Wiener, (303) 934-3245.
9 Summit County LP, Call John Sabal at (970) 262-6369 for time and location.
10 Adams County Libertarians, Coco’s at Northglenn Mall, 104th & I-25, 7 p.m. Earl Allen, (303) 254-4978.
10 & 24 Routt County Common Sense Club, Overlook Lodge, Steamboat Springs, 7:30 p.m. Robert Jahelka, (970) 879-4127.
15 Fl. Collins 3rd Mon. Dinner Club, China Dragon Restaurant, 1401 W. Elizabeth, 7 p.m. Mary Margaret, (970) 484-8184.
17 San Luis Valley LP meeting, Forbes Park, 6:30 p.m. Call Bob Johnson, (719) 379-2767, for directions.
21 Liberty Alliance Flight to Bears Arms Rally, State Capitol, 2 p.m. Call Ed Cole, (303) 444-7296, or David Segal, (303) 296-4056, for more details. See story on page 1.
21 Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, business meeting at 5 p.m., outreach meeting at 7 p.m. (303) 443-1870.
25 Aspen Liberty Coalition, Pitkin County Library, 7 p.m. Tom Peckham, (970) 925-6027.

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31 Cocktail party at David Aitken’s, 1240 Ogden, #4, Denver, 7 p.m. Bring beverage and munchies. (303) 831-4334.

Please mail or e-mail any additions or corrections to the LPC office. Changes must be received by the 15th for the following month’s issue. For instance, the deadline for the May issue, which will list May and June events, is April 15.
It's Convention Time, continued from page 1

The members of the current board (listed in the Directory on page 7) deserve a round of applause for their dedication and hard work. Several positions must be filled, including Chairman, Publications (Colorado Liberty publisher), Legislative, and Public Information (news releases, media relations).

We'll also select 23 delegates (and up to 50 alternates, should enough people want to go) to the National Convention, taking place July 3-7 in Washington, D.C. Delegates and alternates must be party members and signatories of the non-aggression principle or pledge. See the membership form on page 8.

There are no proposed changes to our constitution and bylaws. However, any member can make a proposal from the floor.

The only item of business for the platform is to reaffirm the two planks that were lost and have since been found. They deal with water rights and the safety clause.

Your interest and participation are important to our future. Please attend and help us make decisions about our direction.

The candidates included here are actively campaigning for the Libertarian Party nomination. They are listed alphabetically.

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– Jan Duncan

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The Libertarian Party of Colorado  1996 Convention  April 26-April 28

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Now the Advocates have improved and expanded their program with Operation Welcome Home, and the LPC is participating. Send your prospect names to the state party and we'll give them a free 3-month subscription to the Colorado Liberty. Plus, for those that want information from other freedom-oriented groups, we'll send those names to the Advocates, who will distribute them to organizations like Reason, Cato, and Laissez-Faire Books. That means these new-found libertarians will receive several different perspectives on the libertarian movement and have several ways to get involved.

When getting people's names and addresses, give them a way to indicate that they don't want their name shared with other pro-freedom groups; in that case, we'll send their names to the national LP, but not to the Advocates.

Bette Rose Smith, who testified again at the state capitol against a bill to license opticians. She was successful in convincing the house committee to kill it. One person CAN make a difference!

Leah Cadore, whose letter in the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph asked that paper why it has not reported on Harry Browne's campaign. She gave an excellent short description of the LP, its growth and ballot status, and its distinction as having a "clearly defined political philosophy from which one can determine its stand on any political issue." Great job, Leah!

Doug Newman, whose letter in the Denver Post pointed out that neither the Republicans nor the Democrats vote for what they say they believe in and recommended the Libertarian alternative. Thanks, Doug!

Cy Smaling, for not hesitating when opportunity presented itself. He was making some phone calls to track down election information. The person at the Arapahoe County Election Commission asked if he'd called about becoming an election judge. He replied that he'd called about something else, but would be glad to volunteer—and now he's scheduled to work as a judge on both election days. Congratulations, Cy, you're one of the first (if not the first) Libertarians to break the two-party monopoly on working elections.

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